

## SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

In the Princeton Theological Seminary there is a student sixty-eight years old.

Exclusive of the Isthmus of Panama, there is only one ordained missionary in all the northwestern part of South America.

The Presbyterians of Australia are proposing to raise £50,000 for church extension, extinction of church debts, and ministerial training.

Rev. Dr. Bartol, the veteran Unitarian minister of Boston, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination, and the 150th anniversary of his church.

In the Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., there are sixty students, colored men, one-fourth of whom are preparing for missionary work in Africa.

The College of New Jersey, better known as Princeton, is 140 years old. Its new catalogue shows 7 fellows, 88 graduate students, 92 scientific and 376 academic students; a total of 559. The library now numbers over 60,000 volumes.

The Presbyterian Banner makes mention of James Thompson, an Irish Presbyterian elder, who removed to this country over a hundred years ago, of whose descendants one son, nine grandsons and seven great grandsons became ministers of the gospel and missionaries.

Two years ago some of the students of Cornell University, thinking that much good might be derived from a literary organization modeled after our National Congress, set about it, and formed such a society and named it the Cornell Mock Congress. At present the membership is about sixty. They meet once a week, conduct business as nearly as possible like the National Congress, and, as its name implies, discuss such questions as does their elder brother at Washington.—*Utica (N. Y.) Journal.*

A gentleman of an investigating turn of mind has taken the trouble to ascertain accurately how many days the children of Mexico lost from school during 1886. Here is the result: 52 Sundays, 26 Saturdays, 4 National feast days, 45 days of vacation, and 50 Catholic holidays, making a total of 177 days, and leaving only 188 school days. When we take into consideration the fact that the most punctual child does not take advantage of every school day, we arrive at the conclusion that the children of this city do not attend school half of their time.—*Two Republics, City of Mexico.*

## WEDDING NOTIONS.

English Kinds Eagerly Adopted by the Upper-Tendom of New York.

English ideas are followed in fashionable New York weddings. Instead of a retinue of gentlemen equal in number to the bridesmaids, the groom selects a "best man," who arranges all the business and social formalities of the wedding. Invitations are now engraved upon one sheet of paper, the separate cards of the bride and groom being seldom in use. The paper is thick, fine and shaped so as to fold once. If cipher, monogram or crest of the bride's family be used, it should not be printed in colors, and the center of the top of the page is the proper position for it. Reception and church cards are inclosed with it. Friends who wear mourning costumes should enter the church early and conceal themselves so that their sable raiment may escape the eyes of the bridal pair, for black is ominous at a wedding. The orange blossom is no longer a requisite of the ceremony. The bride in white is ornamented with natural flowers, which may be of any variety. The bridesmaids, in delicate colors, wear no trains, and their costumes are far less grand than the bride's. They may wear picturesque hats or bonnets with short, white tulle veils, and they can carry baskets or fans of flowers in colors to suit their complexions; but the fashioning of their dresses is limited by the styles of one period, if they are not, as they frequently are, historic. It is not uncommon for the ladies of bridal parties to copy a notable picture by their garments and coiffures. The bride often carries a sumptuously bound prayer book, also a bouquet or fan of lilies of the valley, white carnations, or other delicate blossoms.

After the breakfast, or in case of a reception before the guests disperse, the bride and groom retire to their dressing-rooms quietly, taking no leave of any one, and prepare for their departure. They don their traveling attire, and only a few favored or especially invited friends remain with the bridesmaids and ushers to throw rice and worn slippers after their carriage. The "best man" has already gone to the train or steamer to look after their luggage, and to see them off without vexation or care-taking. No one asks them whether they are fitting, such a question being considered in bad taste. The "best man" only, is aware of the direction in which the honeymoon is rising, and he is not likely to speak of his knowledge.—*N. Y. Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

## GIRLS' PENMANSHIP.

Why Young Ladies Should Pay More Attention to Their Handwriting.

Girls should look to their handwriting, for it may serve them at some future crisis better than short-hand or the type-writer, says the *Youth's Companion*. There is a lady clerk in the Department of the Interior, Mrs. Avery by name, who has a snug and easy place of \$1,000 a year, chiefly on account of the extraordinary excellence of her penmanship. It is she who is selected to copy the letters of the department which are regarded as of the greatest consequence, such, for example, as are to receive the attention of the President, who frequently compliments Mrs. Avery's admirable penmanship.

No doubt her handwriting is neat and elegant, because, when she was learning the art, she took pains; and no doubt other girls could do as well, by taking the same course. Considering the advantage it is to many girls to write a good hand, it is strange that more of them do not try to acquire this accomplishment. Of late years our school-girls and school-boys do a great deal more writing than they did formerly. Much is done in school now by way of dictation, and in many schools the pupils have pencil or pen in hand almost half the time.

But it would not be true to say that the girls of to-day write more legibly and neatly than their mothers did. It would be well if they paid far more attention to this matter than they do. But they should make a serious study of it—acquire the habit of taking the best posture; learn to use the muscles to advantage, so that they may not easily become tired; and then practice, as one who intend to become a professional musician practices. When a piece of writing gets worse and worse, page after page, it is because the writer did the work with only one end of the muscular system of the arm, instead of employing the whole of its exquisite and harmonious machinery. Mrs. Avery, it is said, writes as easily as she does legibly. She writes as well at the end of her day's work as at the beginning, and her fingers never ache.

## PIGMY WARRIORS.

A Story of a Fierce Tribe of Dwarfs in the California Hills.

There is a story told by the chief of the Scott Bar tribe, Scar-Faced Charley, which, although fanciful, is indorsed by the clan," said a Pacific coast pedagogue to a San Francisco Examiner reporter. "There is a range of red-colored hills, spurs of the coast range, in Siskiyou County, which is invested with supernatural interest for all Indians in the country round about, as well as for the superstitious whites.

"The story is that a party of hunters from the valley went up among these red hills deer-hunting, and while thus engaged came in contact with a fierce tribe of dwarf Indians not exceeding four feet in height. These mountain savages are equipped with bows of enormous power longer than themselves, and discharging a missile with a velocity and precision far superior to that attained by redskins of the lower levels.

"Scar-faced Charley alleges that these pigmies are provided with but one eye, like Cyclops, and that it blazes out like a big star. The hunters, as soon as they met the small warriors, were stricken with mortal terror, but could not flee. The denizens of the red hills thereupon took their venison and bore it up the hill, leaping from rock to rock with extraordinary agility.

"As they departed they let fly a number of arrows, several of which struck through the bodies of the Klamath hunters and shivered into splinters on the rocks behind. These strange people are said to speak an entirely unknown tongue, and are entirely naked.

"However improbable this may appear to you," said the teacher, "it is vouched for by what are comparatively respectable and responsible braves, who claim to have escaped from the encounter, and others who say they have seen the tiny tribe several times since.

## Weight of Locomotives.

The heaviest locomotive in the world weighs 162,000 pounds, and is on the Canada Pacific. The next heaviest is the Southern Pacific's, 154,000 pounds; the third weighs 145,000 pounds, and is on the Northern Pacific; and Brazil owns the fourth, weighing 144,000 pounds.

On the 5th of last December Charles H. Potter, a sixty-year-old citizen of Providence, walked out, telling his wife that he was going out to get a little fresh air. She nor none of his friends saw him again until a few evenings ago, when he appeared again. He was not able to give any information as to where he had been.—*N. Y. Sun.*

A new method of making table knives consists in forming the knife-handle by boring out and flattening one end of a plank, and closing the mouth of the bore by drawing it together in dies, and in forming the knife-blade by flattening and trimming the other end of the blank in dies.—*Boston Budget.*

A little girl in Charles street, Boston, says the *Golden Days*, has an old-fashioned doll which has the following words worked in red silk letters on its sawdust body:

"Steal not this doll for fear of shame, For here you see the owner's name."

"PRISCILLA ALDEN."

"I am in favor of teaching trades in the public schools," said Taxpayer. "Me, too," assented Constant Reader. "I want carpentering or wood-working of some sort taught. My boy's got a head that isn't good for any thing else."—*Burdette.*

—An Easy Question.—Teacher—"What sort of hair had the ancient Britons?" Boy—"The old Britons?" "Yes." "Gray hair, of course. Gimme something hard."—*Texas Siftings.*

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